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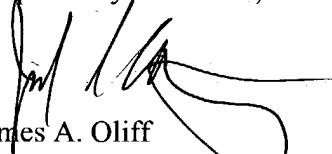## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	1	6,079,200	06/27/2000	Tubbs		
	2	4,375,906	03/08/1983	Roberts et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	3	EP 1 199 441 A2	04/24/2002	United Kingdom		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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Application No: GB 0216312.9	**Examiner:** Rupert Knights
Claims searched: 1 to 12	**Date of search:** 31 January 2003

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
X	1,3,5,6 & 7	EP 1199441 A2	(GENERAL) See Figs. 1-6, note cylindrical ring 38 including annular forward section 38a joined to annular aft section 38b by fuse ligaments 46, see also paragraphs 24, 30 and 37, in columns 4, 5 and 6 respectively.
A		US 6079200 A	(ROLLS) See Figs. 2 & 3, note support ring 25 connected to core engine fixed structure 26 via fuse pins 27.
A		US 4375906 A	(ROLLS) See Figs. 1-3, note coupling 21 and shear pins 21C.

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Online: EPODOC, PAJ, WPI